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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. 3,258,009; U.S. 4,667,672; U.S. 2,444,161; EP 0 615 722; WO 80/00005; and DE 28 00 982 are discussed in the attached English translated International Search Report.

JP 4-48163, this document discloses a tourniquet made of an air bag and a sponge member (cushion member) contained in the air bag.

JP 4-50005, this document discloses a tourniquet made of an air bag and a thick core member contained in the air bag. The core member includes a plurality of convex portions.

JP 2527453, in the "Background Art" section of the specification of this document, reference is made to a finger bandage in relation to FIG. 5(b). The finger bandage comprises a pair of sheets (which functions as an air bag) and a sponge member (a cushion member) interposed between the sheets.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
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NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
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* See attached English translated International Search Report.

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